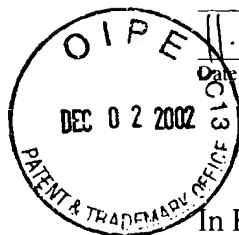


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Sir:

Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/735,709 to Williams et al., entitled "ACOUSTICALLY MEDIATED FLUID TRANSFER METHOD AND USES THEREOF," filed December 12, 2000. The Williams et al. application published on July 18, 2002 as US 2002/0094582 A1, and a copy of the published application is submitted herewith for the Examiner's consideration. The application pertains to the use of acoustic energy in droplet formation. Please note that the Williams et al. patent publication should not represent prior art to the present claims, insofar as the effective filing date of this case, September 25, 2000, precedes the filing date of the Williams et al. application.

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